Conference on information data Bases

1625. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference on information data bases was organised by the Department of Research and Development of his Ministry;

(b) whether the conference had *inter alia* recommended a model data-base network for the country;

(c) if so, what are the salient features of the contemplated data-base network; and

(d) what is Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir. The title of the conference was "The International Conference on Bibliographic Data Bases and Network".

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Central Plan Assistance to States in the 7th Five Year Plan

1626. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita Central plan assistance, State-wise and year-wise, during the Seventh Five Year Plan period; and

(b) what are the norms of allocation of Central plan assistance, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The per capita Central plan assistance State-wise and year-wise, during the Seventh Five Year plan period is given in the Statement [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 108]

(b) The allocations of normal Central plan assistance to the States for the Seventh Plan period has been made on the basis of the Modified Gadgil Formula as approved by the National Development Council in August, 1980.

The criteria embodied in the Modified Gadgil Formula are as under:

I. A lumpsum amount is set apart for meeting the requirements of ten special category States *viz.*, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and recently formed States of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram.

II. The balance amount out of the divisible pool of the Central assistance is allocated among the remaining States (excluding Goa) in the following manner:

(i) 60 per cent on the basis of population;

(ii) 20 per cent on the basis of per capita income—only to States having per capita income below the national average;

(iii) 10 per cent on the basis of tax efforts;

(iv) 10 per cent for special problems of States.

In the case of Goa, adequate Central assistance is given on a year to year basis.

In addition, assistance linked to externally-aided projects is allocated to each State, taking into account the progress of disbursement of aid for the concerned projects.

Functioning of Calcutta Telephone

1627. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of installed telephones in Calcutta and Calcutta metropolitan areas till date;

(b) what is the number of telephones functioning regularly; and